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Look out for Centralia; she is  
little but loud.  
MAXWELL will appeal to Gov.  
Morehouse as a last resort. It will  
do him no good.

The railroad committee on right  
of way should get to work again as  
soon as the weather will permit.

COL. ROBERT McCULLOUGH, State  
Register of Lands, has publicly an-  
nounced himself as a candidate for  
re-election.

The most notable feature of the  
"United Labor party" around Mex-  
ico is the absence of laboring men  
in the so-called party.

The old saw, "look out for the  
cents, the dollars will take care of  
themselves," can be expressed in  
fewer words: "It takes sense to  
make the dollars."

The Mexico Building and Loan  
Association was three years old  
Saturday and in a flourishing condi-  
tion. At the present rate, it will  
pay out in less than eight years.

WATCH Centralia and how she  
is hustling for the railroad. Mexico,  
if she does as well in proportion to  
her size, resources and prospects  
will secure the road without any  
trouble.

RENEWED interest in the railroad  
is developing in and around Mex-  
ico. Our people are fully awake to  
the necessity of securing this en-  
terprise and will do all in their  
power.

CALE MARTIN, a prominent citi-  
zen of Martinsburg, was in Mexico  
this week on business. He will  
vote against local option and says  
he don't think it will carry in that  
part of the county.

If Mexico gets the new railroad  
look out. If we don't get the new  
railroad move out. The future of  
Mexico depends altogether on our  
getting this north and south rail-  
road. This is a fact and no mis-  
take.

Is it possible that the people of  
Mexico are not going to have a  
chance to subscribe to a male col-  
lege? The citizens of Mexico are  
eager to secure such an enterprise.  
We overheard C. F. Clark say to-  
day that he would rather give  
\$1,000 than lose the college. All  
of our enterprising people feel the  
same way.

AFTER subscriptions are taken  
for a male college, if they do not  
amount to enough to secure the  
one spoken of, other denominations  
should be notified that Mexico had  
so much money, say \$20,000, for  
a male college, and the church which  
would endow it the best could have  
it. In this way Mexico could have  
the outwards bidding once.

NOTICE attached to the doors of  
the First National Bank, of Aus-  
burn, New York, Monday morning  
was a model of composition for simi-  
lar institutions: "Pending an ex-  
amination of the affairs of this  
bank, and in the absence of the  
cashier, this bank will be closed  
until further notice." Could any  
composition be more compact and  
expressive than this?

DID it ever occur to you that  
the Norton men are the ones who keep  
talking about his decision on the  
local option question? They keep  
stirring the matter to make it boil  
so as to strengthen the "grand old  
jurist's" sickly boom. No anti-  
Norton man has sense enough to  
set a hen on the side of a hill  
will ever refer to the decision on  
Judge Norton.

It is the height of ill-manners to  
whisper and laugh at any public  
meeting, especially so as to dis-  
turb others who are present. It is  
vulgar and low-lived to say the  
least to be guilty of such conduct  
in church. We are surprised to  
notice that during the present  
church services in this city there  
are those who go to church appar-  
ently only to laugh, chatter and  
disturb those who are interested in  
the services. Those parties should  
be privately told that they must  
behave or stay on the outside. If  
they continue in this line of con-  
duct they should be thrown out.  
People have a right to expect such  
conduct in a bar-room or a fifth-  
class theatre, but not in church.  
Stop it, or you will get in trouble.

THERE is to be found in every  
community a class of persons who  
are always watching a newspaper  
for some cause of offense. If it  
strikes others they are pleased, and  
take it as a matter of course; but if  
it reflects in the slightest manner  
upon any of their doings, though it  
be in the fairest of terms, they be-  
come sulky and go off in a tangent.  
They never seem to understand  
that a newspaper, to be of any use  
or value, must be impartial and  
fearless in its treatment of ques-  
tions of principle, that it cannot  
devote all of its time and attention  
to patting the self-conscious peo-  
ple on the back and smoothing  
their fur. A newspaper of wide  
circulation deals with an entire  
community, and cannot stop to  
chuck every self-worshiper under  
the chin or tickle every vain soul  
in order to see it wiggle and laugh.

"BENEDICT'S" advice to young  
men, "marry when you find a good  
girl who will have you," is good  
advice. The man who waits to  
marry until he has a competency  
makes a mistake. He misses much  
comfort and rarely gets the compe-  
tency. Marry a sensible girl and  
she will help you obtain the com-  
petency. Instead of having one  
head and one pair of hands to help  
you, you have two heads and two  
pairs of hands if you are married.  
And then you will have a home  
where you can spend your evenings  
much less expensively than you  
are spending them now.

The Democratic members of the  
House were at their posts of duty  
Monday, and Mr. Carlisle was duly  
awarded his seat. There is not a  
Republican in the House who does  
not know that Speaker Carlisle  
would not take or hold a seat to  
which he did not feel himself to be  
honestly entitled. They had not  
the courage to vote against award-  
ing him the seat, but meanly re-  
frained from voting out of pure  
partisan demagoguery. And now will  
the House proceed to business?  
Much valuable time has been  
wasted.

We learn that there is some talk  
of not presenting the local option  
petition to the County Court at its  
meeting in February, as contem-  
plated by the petitioners. It ap-  
pears that some of the prohibition-  
ists, who have charge of the mat-  
ter, are in favor of waiting till the  
question is submitted in Mexico.  
Every tub should stand on its own  
bottom and we see no reason for  
any delay in the county.

AUDRAIN county has a surplus  
of about \$25,000 which needs re-  
ducing; at least there is no need  
increasing it. It strikes us that  
this would be a good idea for the  
County Court to reduce the tax rate  
next year. Our tax is now very  
very low, but we can make it a  
little lower and still have money  
to spare. If the county does not  
need the money it should be left in  
the pockets of the people.

AN EXCHANGE says that they  
took a vote in Rolla, this State, re-  
cently on the question of who was  
the "sweetest girl in school," and as  
a result there have been no fewer  
than twenty fights between young  
men and old, friends and brothers  
of the fair contestants. No event  
has occurred in the town's history  
has so stirred up its society.

It was so cold at St. Vincent,  
Minn., a few days ago that people  
kept their hands warm by holding  
pieces of ice.

THERE is only one way to get the  
new railroad and that is not by  
grumbling and sucking our thumbs.

The committee on the right of  
way will at once go to work now.  
The weather is getting better.

CENTRALIA has subscribed \$10,-  
500 for the new railroad and guar-  
antees the right of way.

CENTRALIA means business and is  
after the new railroad red-eyed.

LOOK OUT for Centralia.

A Moonless Month.  
From the Golden Days.

The month of February, 1886,  
was in one respect the most re-  
markable in the world's history.  
It had no full moon. January had  
two full moons, and so had March,  
but February had none. Do you  
realize what a rare thing in nature  
that was? It had not occurred  
since the time of Washington, nor  
since the discovery of America, nor  
since the beginning of the Chris-  
tian era, nor the creation of the  
world. And it will not occur again,  
according to the computation of as-  
tronomers, for—how long do you  
think?—2,500,000 years. Was not  
that truly a wonderful month?

Macon's Well a Failure.  
MACON, MO., Jan. 26.—Opera-  
tions at the prospecting well which  
was being bored here have ceased,  
as at the depth of 1,020 feet a bed  
of quicksand was reached, through  
which it was impossible to make  
any progress. No veins of valuable  
minerals were pierced and there has  
been no flow of either water or gas.  
The company, composed of Macon  
business men, was to have paid the  
operators \$3,000 when the depth of  
1,500 feet was reached. As they  
failed to do this \$750 were accepted  
as full payment for the work done.

**HOPEFUL AND HAPPY.**  
Waiting and Watching for the End  
of the World.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., Jan. 26.  
—Rumor has long maintained that  
1888 was for adventurists the year of  
doom. Common fame has pictured  
them as selling their jewelry, their  
houses, their worldly goods. Trade-  
smen in Battle Creek have sent their  
bills precipitately. Friends have  
written them a tearful farewell.  
All was ready for the ascension.

Elder Uriah Smith, editor of the  
Advent Review, is a mouth-piece  
of the denomination in Battle Creek.  
He is a man of 50, tall, erect, with  
frank face and smile and very hos-  
pitable manners.

Elder Smith believes that the  
world is coming to an end and very  
soon, but he is not going to be  
brash about it. He is not fixing  
dates. It may be in 1888, but he  
wouldn't stake anything on it.

"You see the world may not end  
in 10 or 15 years yet," said he, "so  
I prefer not to specify dates. At  
the same time, if the dissolution of  
terrestrial things should occur in  
1888, I should not be surprised.  
Most of the signs have been given."

"What are the signs?" was asked.  
"I rely chiefly on the biblical  
texts relating to the cleansing of  
the sanctuary," he replied.

Being asked if Wm. Miller had  
not relied on these texts, he said he  
had but Miller made the mistake of  
naming a date positive, and there-  
by greatly disappointed the peo-  
ple.

"There are two sets of advent-  
ists," said he. "One is always  
fixing dates; the other admits that  
the time is doubtful. I belong to  
the latter class."

Just then could be heard in the  
college over 400 students, youths  
and maidens, singing the adventist  
hymns.

At the door; at the door.  
He is coming; he is coming;  
He is even at the door.

And the reporter hastened out-  
side in order to be first on the  
ground in the event of anything  
unusual transpiring.

MISSOURI to the Front.  
From the Rural World.

The meeting of the breeders of  
troting horses at Sedalia was a  
surprise to every one present on  
account of the attendance. Held  
on one of the stormiest and most  
disagreeable days of the winter sea-  
son it was thought it would be a  
failure, but instead of it was a most  
pronounced and brilliant success.  
In point of high character, intelli-  
gence and public spirit of the mem-  
bers, few meetings of any kind  
have equalled it. It was a body  
that any high-minded breeder  
might well feel proud of, and there  
was a fairness and sense of honor  
among the members in the conduct  
of its proceedings that would be  
creditable to any convention in the  
land.

This association has come to  
stay. It was represented in this  
meeting by the owners of hundreds  
of thousands of dollars worth of  
stock. It has already over one  
hundred and fifty paid up members  
and this number will be doubled if  
not quadrupled within twelve  
months. It was not known there  
were so many breeders of high bred  
troting stock in the State, until  
the meeting was held, and from all  
was learned that the State of Mis-  
souri is admirably adapted to the  
breeding of horses, Kentucky hav-  
ing no advantage over her.

There was a determination on  
the part of all to push to the front  
in the line of States engaged in this  
industry, and to supply the mar-  
kets of the world with as fast and  
as fine horses as can be produced.

Read, Then Scratch Your Head.  
From the Shelby, Ky. News.

When you want newspaper fa-  
vors, you strike your "home pa-  
per," don't you? If you want  
your town boomed, and your prop-  
erty increased in value you ex-  
pect your home paper to do it,  
don't you? Yet you kick be-  
cause your home paper hasn't as  
much reading matter in it as a  
"city paper," don't you? Still,  
on the whole, you think your  
home paper is a "mighty good  
thing for a town," don't you?  
And you preclude the home paper  
from thinking the town is a good  
thing for it, by not giving it suf-  
ficient patronage, don't you?  
You would not expect the home pa-  
per, circulating only hundreds, to  
give you as much reading matter as  
a city paper, circulating by thousands,  
would you? You would not ex-  
pect the price of the former to be  
as low as the latter, would you?  
You frequently sneak off to the  
city to get your job work, to  
save a few cents, don't you? Do  
you think that a newspaper pub-  
lisher can live on wind? Do you  
think he can forever digest the  
consoling fact that his paper is "a  
good thing for the town," when he  
receives nothing in return? He  
can't do it, can he?

The exercises of Hardin College  
will be suspended to-morrow to  
give the faculty and students an  
opportunity to attend the funeral  
services of Mr. Woodward, who was  
an honored member of the Board of  
Directors.

**Circuit Court.**  
Following are additional pro-  
ceedings of the Circuit Court:  
E. D. Ireland vs. Calvin Moore;  
verdict for defendant.  
R. B. Hooton vs. W. P. Hooton;  
verdict for defendant.

C. F. Nofziger vs. Geo. A. John-  
son; judgment by default for plain-  
tiff for \$198.  
C. T. Crain vs. Benj. Hill; con-  
tinued generally.

I. J. Sims vs. Wabash Western  
railroad; continued at defendant's  
cost.  
Sarah C. Robinson vs. Alma  
Hughes; continued generally by  
consent.

Rudolph Schreckler vs. Phoenix  
Insurance Co.; dismissed for want  
of compliance with order of court.  
A. W. Clapp & Co. vs. C. C.  
Stevens et al.; continued.

Isaac Mack et al. vs. C. C. C.  
Stevens et al.; continued.  
Wilson Over Grocery Company  
vs. C. C. Stevens et al.; continued.

Stase of Missouri vs. Wm. Gary;  
for second offense, petty larceny;  
plea of guilty entered; two years in  
the penitentiary.

Stase of Missouri vs. Sam Britt;  
jail breaking before conviction; sen-  
tenced to two years in the peniten-  
tiary.

Geo. Adams vs. Wabash Western  
railroad for \$30,000 damages;  
thrown out of court.  
Thomas Yates vs. John H. Fields;  
plaintiff dismissed case per stipu-  
lation filed.

Frank Mitchell vs. John W.  
Atchison; motion to have sheriff  
made to him denied by the court.

Hannah Shock vs. James Ellis;  
judgment for plaintiff, \$35.

I. J. Sims vs. Wabash railroad;  
continued at defendant's cost.  
Geo. Adams vs. Wabash Western  
railroad; judgment for defendant.  
Crow, Hargadine & Co. vs.  
Stevens & Mitchell; change of  
venue to Pike County.

John W. Stevens vs. J. H. Gil-  
ven; continued.  
John W. Stevens vs. E. R. Coats-  
worth; continued.  
John W. Stevens vs. P. P. Col-  
lier; continued.

John W. Stevens vs. T. J. Far-  
rington; continued.  
Stevens, Mitchell et al. vs. A.  
W. Woolwine et al.; judgment of  
the peace affirmed.

J. H. Stone vs. F. J. Stone et al;  
judgment in partition made final.  
Blanche Hamilton vs. Morris R.  
Locke et al.; continued.  
Lauri Mundi et al. vs. C. A. &  
A. railroad; dismissed at plaintiffs'  
cost.

C. T. Martin vs. M. A. Fike; con-  
tinued at defendant's cost.  
Luke Emmerson vs. Hannibal &  
St. Louis railroad; continued as  
per stipulations filed.  
H. M. Porter vs. M. C. Brown  
et al.; dismissed at plaintiff's cost.  
W. S. Newton vs. T. Allen; con-  
tinued.

J. L. Shottwell vs. G. W. Gallo-  
way and E. R. Hagan; judgment  
for the plaintiff for \$349.37.  
R. P. Hopkins, Collector, vs.  
Terrence Donnelly, et al.; judg-  
ment for plaintiff.

D. M. Osborne & Co. vs. C. L.  
Graham et al.; continued by con-  
sent.  
H. F. Woodward vs. Willard  
Barton; continued by consent.  
Geo. M. Runkle vs. Edgar S.  
Frost; judgment for plaintiff for  
\$854.50.

Motions for new trials in the fol-  
lowing cases were filed:  
Sarah E. Cresson vs. City of  
Moberly; E. C. Burkhardt vs. M. W.  
Sheffelt; Hannah Shock vs. James  
Ellis; City of Mexico vs. L. N.  
Bass; Geo. Adams vs. Wabash  
Western railroad; R. B. Hooton  
vs. W. P. Hooton; Geo. Nicholson  
vs. A. Woolwine.

Dr. J. R. Fritts vs. Dr. J. M.  
Luckie; verdict for defendant.

Uncle Eske's Wisdom.  
Literature is the diet of the  
common mind, but genius feeds on  
the unwritten things.  
You may travel a good way on  
whisky, and travel fast while you  
are going, but you can't get back  
when you want to.  
When you have learned to listen,  
you have already acquired the  
rudiments of a good education.  
Faith won't enable a man to lift  
a ton all at once, but it will, ten  
pounds at a time.  
Genius invents, talent applies.  
Vanity and jealousy are the two  
weakest passions in the human  
heart, and, strange to tell, they are  
the most common.  
A thoroughly neat woman is a  
joy unpeakable, but doesn't she  
make it busy for the dust and for  
the people in her neighborhood?  
My young disciple, don't hunt  
for new things, but study to im-  
prove upon the old ones; every  
flat stone, and most of the bowlers,  
have been turned over already  
by the novelty-hunters.  
We find plenty of people who  
don't average well; they know too  
much for one man, and not quite  
enough for two.

**RAILROAD MEETING.**  
Centralia Holds a Rousing Meeting  
on Monday, and Subscribes  
Over \$5,000—More to  
Follow.

Special Correspondence Columbia Herald.

CENTRALIA, Jan. 25, 1888.—If  
you had looked into the opera hall  
here Monday afternoon and beheld  
that large room crowded to almost  
its capacity with people from this  
and other communities, you would  
have been fully convinced that the  
Centralia people are very anxious  
for a new railroad. The Columbia  
noon train brought in a number of  
prominent citizens from Columbia,  
in company with several officials  
and capitalists of the proposed  
Chicago, Hannibal and Springfield  
railroad.

At two o'clock the house was called  
to order by D. N. Newman, W.  
J. Booth was chosen chairman,  
Adam Rodemyre, secretary.

The object of the meeting was  
stated by the chairman, after which  
Mr. E. H. Fudge, the attorney of  
the proposed road, was called upon  
and responded with some pleasant  
and encouraging remarks. He stated  
that they were able, ready and wil-  
ling to build the road; that it had  
been their intention to go east of  
here, and that heretofore they had  
not considered Centralia, but that  
they were now pleased with the  
outcome.

He asked the citizens to do all  
they could, get the right of way  
and what subscriptions they could  
by February 10th, and they would  
then consider whether or not the  
road would be built through Cen-  
tralia.

Mr. Fudge urged the people to  
go to work and be able to report by  
February 10, as they desire to  
know at that time.

Addresses were also made by J.  
C. Gillaspay, Col. S. Turner, Jr.,  
R. B. Price and others. They  
all told of the many advantages the  
new line would be to Centralia and  
the entire county, how real estate  
would enhance in value, buildings  
would be built and a genuine boom  
surely follow. Mr. Price re-  
marked that Centralia might be-  
come a booming city of 10,000 in-  
habitants.

Over \$5,000 were easily sub-  
scribed at once and this is being  
rapidly increased. Centralians can-  
not afford to miss this excellent op-  
portunity for a railroad, and they  
every effort is being made to  
secure this boom, and the bright-  
est hopes are fluttering in the  
breasts of this community re-  
garding its location.

**Resolutions of Respect.**  
At a meeting of the real estate  
and insurance firms held at the  
office of Hayden & Frost yesterday,  
Judge J. P. Clark, J. W. Howell,  
J. G. Lakenan and E. S. Frost were  
appointed a committee to draft re-  
solutions of respect to W. H. Wood-  
ward. The committee reported the  
following, which was unanim-  
ously adopted.

WHEREAS, it has pleased an all-  
wise Father to call from our midst  
by death, our fellow-member and  
co-worker, Wm. H. Woodward,  
be it

Resolved, By the present board  
advised, that in the death of W.  
H. Woodward we have lost an ac-  
tive, energetic member; the city a  
progressive and enterprising citi-  
zen; the family a kind, loving hus-  
band and father; that the copies of  
these resolutions be spread upon  
the minutes of this board and pub-  
lished in the city papers, and a  
copy sent to the family of the de-  
ceased, and be it further

Resolved, That we close our re-  
spective offices of business and at-  
tend the funeral in a body.

JOE OFFUTT, J. D. TUCKER,  
Secretaries.

**Resolutions of Respect.**  
At a regular meeting of Hebron  
Lodge, No. 354, A. F. & A. M.,  
January 24, 1888, the following re-  
solutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, in the providence of  
Almighty God, our beloved brother,  
Thomas Smith, has been called  
from labor in this lodge to the su-  
preme lodge on high, therefore,  
be it

Resolved, That in the death of  
Bro. Smith the lodge has lost a  
faithful, zealous brother, one who  
honored the principles of Masonry;  
the community a good citizen  
and honest man, and his family a  
fond, affectionate husband and  
father.

Resolved, That we extend to the  
heart-broken family our most ten-  
der sympathies, and assure them  
of that loving care and protection  
due the family of a deceased brother.

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mourning be worn for 30 days; that  
these resolutions be spread upon  
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**Local Option in Randolph.**  
From the Sturgeon Leader.  
Randolph county is to vote on  
local option February 4, also the  
city of Moberly will vote on the  
question the same day. The  
Huntsville Herald comes out bold-  
ly and opposes the adoption of the  
law and gives many wholesome  
reasons for its course. The Moberly  
Monitor and Herald have so far  
dodged the issue and Bros. Kelly  
and Davis are quietly poised on  
the fence, each watching the other  
with one eye while the other  
optic is fixed on the cat in order to  
see which way it is going to jump.  
But they will both have to climb  
down on one side or the other  
before the election. The Higher  
News, W. H. Welch's paper, favors  
the law. The Randolph Republi-  
can, the only Republican paper in  
the county, boldly advocates the  
adoption of the law, and in the  
last issue the editor says:

"The prohibition movement is  
fast disintegrating and dissolving  
the Democratic party of the South.  
It is a mighty good thing there is  
something that can dissolve its  
fraudulent solidity."

This shows the whole animus as  
well as effect of this so-called tem-  
perance movement. It is an at-  
tempt to break up the Democratic  
party. There is no disguising this  
fact. Thousands of good, honest  
Democrats are working for probi-  
tution, but their position will be  
taken advantage of by designing  
politicians. Everybody knows,  
who knows anything, that the Re-  
publican party and prohibition are  
one and the same thing in Kan-  
sas and other States where the law  
has been adopted, and the continued  
agitation of legal prohibition will  
as certainly make Missouri a Re-  
publican State as two and two  
make four. Well, many are ready  
to say, "let it go Republican if we  
can thereby rid our State of the  
demon alcohol." Now, there comes  
the question so often asked  
but never satisfactorily answered,  
"Does prohibition prohibit?"

Many think not. It certainly has  
not worked satisfactorily in States  
where it has been tried. It has  
proven to be a miserable farce and  
has only produced strife and dis-  
cord. But we did not start out to  
argue this vexed question but merely  
to give the news about our  
neighboring county. But as some  
may misunderstand our position  
we will state it briefly: We are  
opposed to legal prohibition and in  
favor of individual temperance.  
Stop the saloons and there will  
still be plenty of drunkards, but  
let us all stop drinking and the  
places where liquor is sold will  
soon disappear.

**Mule Thief.**  
From the Fulton Telegraph.  
On last Thursday morning Drew  
Whittington came to Buchanan,  
Smith & Co.'s stable with an extra  
farm mule, which he offered for  
sale. These gentlemen being in  
that business examined the mule,  
and after considerable haggling  
over the price, he sold the mule  
to Mr. Buchanan, he not knowing  
him. (Whittington gave his name  
as George Smart, received a check  
for the price of the mule, presented  
it at the Callaway Savings Bank  
and got the cash. About four hours  
behind him came the owner of the  
mule. The officers of the law were  
started out to find the thief, and  
scoured the south and west parts  
of the county pretty thoroughly  
without finding their game. He  
was raised near Cote Sans Dessein,  
this county, and the officers  
thought he would likely visit his  
old stamping grounds, but he whirled  
round and went north, taking  
dinner at Anxvasse, and then to  
Mexico, and delivered the horse  
from which he had hired it the  
evening before. Telegrams were  
sent in different directions at about  
2:30 p. m. that day. The one sent  
to Mexico must not have been de-  
livered by the agents there very  
promptly, or the lively men would  
have captured him. We learn that  
Whittington is wanted at Indepen-  
dence for forgery.

Is it not high time we were or-  
ganizing ourselves into some sort  
of an Anti-Theft Society to catch  
these fellows? A thorough or-  
ganization would have captured this  
fellow.

Local followers of the doctrine  
of the Union Labor party met at  
the office of Silas Wilson several  
weeks ago and organized a club for  
the purpose of looking after the in-  
terests of the party in this county  
and city. W. H. Barton was made  
chairman; H. A. Fields, secretary,  
and C. P. Wade, treasurer. A  
number of those who attended the  
meeting were approached by Len-  
ox reporters but they positively  
refused to say anything about the  
club, who its members were, its  
purpose or what had been done.  
The club has held several meet-  
ings.

**Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.**  
When Baby was sick, we gave him Castoria.  
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.  
When she became a Woman, she clung to Castoria.  
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**The C. & A. Extension.**  
From the Jefferson City Tribune.  
Mr. Geo. T. White, one of the  
oldest citizens of the county, who  
was appointed notary public by  
Governor Marmaduke a few days  
prior to his death, was selected by  
the directors of the Chicago, Jef-  
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road Company to canvass Cole  
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the right of way from Jefferson City  
to the Miller county line for